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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL TO CANADA

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1. SLYFIELD (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, USA DIVISION, EXTAFF) HAS SUGGESTED THAT PRELIMINARY MEETING OF OFFICIALS IN PREPARATION FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S VISIT SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN OTTAWA ON FRIDAY, JUNE 3, INSTEAD OF PREVIOUS DAY WHICH WE HAD PROPOSED. MEETING WOULD COMMENCE AT 10 A.M. IN EXTAFF BUILDING AND WOULD INCLUDE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF EXTAFF; JUSTICE; CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS; INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE; AND FINANCE. EXTAFF WILL ARRANGE A WORKING LUNCHEON AND SLYFIELD EXPECTS THAT U.S. GROUP COULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON THAT EVENING.

2. PRELIMINARY MEETING WOULD INVOLVE EXPLORATORY DISCUSSION OF ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE PRINCIPALS, AND SLYFIELD HOPES THAT IT WOULD REACH AGREEMENT ON THE AGENDA AND FORMAT FOR THE JUNE 17 MEETING.

3. FOLLOWING IS CANADIAN DRAFT AGENDA FOR BOTH MEETINGS:

A. OVERVIEW OF EXTRATERRITORIALITY PROBLEMS.

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B. ANTITRUST:

I. DEFINITION OF PROBLEM

II. EXPLORATION OF WAYS OF ALLEVIATING PROBLEM

E.G., (A) COURT AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES; (B) CONSULTA-

TIONS; (C) ARRANGEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS; (D) LEGISLATION.

C. ARAB BOYCOTT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES--POTENTIAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFLICTS.

D. CUBAN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS.

E. TRANSBORDER LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS.

F. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.

G. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL:

I. APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES

II. EXTRADITION

III. IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CANADIAN AND U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENTS.

4. AS A TENTATIVE FORMAT FOR JUNE 17 MEETING, SLYFIELD SUGGESTED:

I. ROUND-TABLE SESSION ON ITEMS A THROUGH F, WITH ALL INTERESTED CANADIAN MINISTERS PRESENT (E.G., EXTAFF, JUSTICE, CCA, ITC AND PERHAPS SOLICITOR GENERAL). THIS SESSION WOULD PROBABLY EXTEND THROUGH A WORKING LUNCHEON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTO THE EARLY AFTERNOON.

II. SUBSEQUENT MEETING BETWEEN ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL AND JUSTICE MINISTER BASFORD ALONE TO DISCUSS ITEM G.

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOSPITALITY WILL BE PROPOSED LATER.

6. PER BLAKEMORE REQUEST, WE HAVE SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF HEADINGS "SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY" AND "APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES". FORMER RELATES TO U.S. LEGISLATION ON RESTRICTIVE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY WHICH GOC IS CONSIDERING USING AS A MODEL AND WOULD LIKE HIGH-LEVEL BRIEFING ON U.S. EXPERIENCE. LATTER QUESTION IS OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO JUSTICE MINISTER BASFORD AND HE WOULD LIKE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S THOUGHTS ON FACTORS RELEVANT TO CHOICE OF JUDGES.

7. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE EDWARD R. O'CONNOR, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.

8. WE HAVE INDICATED THAT A 45-MINUTE PERIOD IN LATE AFTERNOON SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR PRESS MEETING.

9. COMMENT: RECOMMEND THAT WE PROPOSE ADDING TO THE PROPOSED AGENDA UNDER B(II) INFORMATION FLOWS ON ANTITRUST, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE CANADIAN OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT, AND THAT WE ADD AN ITEM RELATING TO INVESTMENT QUESTIONS.

10. SINCE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL ARRIVE IN OTTAWA THE

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AFTERNOON OF JUNE 16, AMBASSADOR PROPOSES TO HAVE A DINNER PARTY THAT EVENING FOR ABOUT 30 PEOPLE FROM TORONTO, MONTREAL AND OTTAWA, MOST OF WHOM WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE SESSIONS ON JUNE 17. ENDERS

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